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SUBJ: INFORMATION RE AVAILABLITY OF SWISS/GERMAN SCRIBING
MACHINE TO EASTERN EUROPE

REF: STATE 085172

1. SINCE THE COMPANY SEIER, LISTED IN PARA 2 OF REFTEL, IS LOCATED IN OUR CONSULAR DISTRICT, WE CONTACTED THE STUTTGART CIU FOR POSSIBLE ASSISTANCE.

2. WE WERE INFORMED MAY 5 AS FOLLOWS: SCRIBING MACHINES, AS WELL AS DICING SAWS FOR CUTTING SILICIUM DISCS ARE CLASSIFIED UNDER ITEM 1355 (B) OF THE IL. IN NOVEMBER 1973 THE DUTCH REQUESTED EXEMPTION FOR THE EXPORT OF A DICING SAW TO HUNGARY. THIS REQUEST WAS DENIED RECENTLY DUE TO A US VETO. EARLIER, HOWEVER, AN ENGLISH REQUEST TO COCOM RE EXPORT OF A SCRIBING MACHINE HAD BEEN GIVEN UNANIMOUS APPROVAL.

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3. THE FIRM KARL SUESS, PRAEZISIONSGERATE FUER WISSENSCHAFT

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UND INDUSTRIE, MUENCHEN-HOCHBRUECK, TEL. 3201067 CAME TO THE ATTENTION OF GERMAN FEDERAL AUTHORITIES AS EARLY AS 1967 GIVEN ITS ATTEMPT TO AVOID REQUIRED EXPORT LICENSING PROCEDURE FOR EXPORT OF A SCRIBING MACHINE TYPE KSM (KS STANDS FOR KARL SUESS) TO BULGARIA. SUESS SUBMITS REGULARLY INTERNATIONAL IMPORT CERTIFICATES FOR MERCHANDISE OF MAINLY US ORIGIN, BUT GERMAN AUTHORITIES NEVER RECEIVE APPLICATIONS FOR EXPORT LICENSES. THERE EXISTS STRONG SUSPICION THAT THE COMPANY CONTINUES TO AVOID PROPER DOCUMENTATION FOR EXPORT LICENSE REQUIREMENTS IN SHIPPING ITS MACHINES VIA SWITZERLAND TO EAST BLOC COUNTRIES.

4. STUTTGART CIU SAID WOULD REQUEST FREIBURG OFFICE WITH BRANCH IN RADOLFZELL NEAR SWISS BORDER AND RESPONSIBLE FOR SEIER COMPANY, TO INVESTIGATE MATTER FURTHER. CONGEN WILL REPORT ANY SUBSEQUENT FINDINGS MADE AVAILABLE TO US. JENKINS

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